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Strains of bacillus thuringiensis.

Two new Bacillus thuringiensis strains, which are deposited at the DSM under accession nos. 5131 and 5132, produce crystal proteins during sporulation that are toxic to Coleoptera. The crystal proteins contain 74 kDa and 129 kDa protoxins, respectively, which can yield 67 and 66 kDa toxins, respectively, as trypsin-digestion products. A plant, the genome of which is transformed with a DNA sequence that comes from either one of the strains and that codes for its respective toxin, is resistant to Coleoptera. Each strain, itself, or its crystals, crystal proteins, protoxin or toxin can be used as the active ingredient in an insecticidal composition for combatting Coleoptera.

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NEW STRAINS OF BACILLUS THURINGIENSIS

This invention relates to two new strains of B. thuringiensis (the "BtPGSl208 strain" and the "BtPGSl245 strain"), each of which produces crystallized proteins (the "BtPGSl208 crystal proteins" and the "BtPGSl245 crystal proteins", respectively) which are packaged in crystals (the "BtPGSl208 crystals" and the "BtPGSl245 crystals", respectively) during sporulation. The BtPGSl208 and BtPGSl245 strains wer deposited under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty at the Deutsche Sammlung Für Mikroorganismen and Zellkulturen ("DSM"), Mascheroder Weg 1B, D-3300 Braunschweig, Federal Republic of Germany, under accession numbers 5131 and 5132, respectively, on January 19, 1989.

This invention also relates to an insecticide composition that is active against Coleoptera and that comprises the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 strain, as such, or preferably the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 crystals, crystal proteins or the active component(s) thereof as an active ingredient.

This invention further relates to:

- 1) a DNA sequence (the "btPGSI208 gene"), from the genome of the BtPGSI208 strain, which encodes a 74 kDa protein (the "BtPGSI208 protoxin") that is found in the BtPGSI208 crystals; and
- 2) A DNA sequence (the "btPGSI245 gene), from the genome of the BtPGSI245 strain, which encodes a 129 kDa protein (the "BtPGSI245 protoxin") that is found in the BtPGSI245 crystals. The BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins are the proteins that are produced by their respective BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 crystals.

This invention still further relates to a 67 kDa protein ("the BtPGSI208 toxin") and a 66 kDa protein (the "BtPGSI245 toxin") which can be obtained from the BtPGSI208 protoxin and the BtPGSI245 protoxin, respectively. The BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 toxins are insecticidally active proteins which can be liberated from the BtPGSI208 crystals and the BtPGSI245 crystals, respectively, produced by the BtPGSI208 strain and the BtPGSI245 strain, respectively, and each toxin has a high activity against Coleoptera. The BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 toxins are believed to represent the smallest portions of their respective BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins which are insecticidally effective against Coleoptera.

This invention yet further relates to a chimaeric gene that can be used to transform a plant cell and that contains:

- 1) a part of the <u>btPGSI208</u> or <u>btPGSI245</u> gene (the "insecticidally effective <u>btPGSI208</u> or <u>btPGSI245</u> gene part") encoding an insectidicidally effective portion of the respective <u>BtPGSI208</u> or <u>BtPGSI245</u> protoxin, preferably a truncated part of the <u>btPGSI208</u> or <u>btPGSI245</u> gene (the "truncated <u>btPGSI208</u> or <u>btPGSI245</u> gene") encoding just the respective <u>BtPGSI208</u> or <u>BtPGSI245</u> toxin;
- 2) a promoter suitable for transcription of the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part in a plant cell; and
- 3) suitable transcription termination and polyadenylation signals for expressing the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part in a plant cell. This chimaeric gene is hereinafter generally referred to as the "btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene." Preferably, the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part is present in the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene as a hybrid gene comprising a fusion of the truncated btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene and a selectable marker gene, such as the neo gene (the "btPGSI208-neo or btPGSI245-neo hybrid gene").

This invention also relates to:

- 1) a cell (the "transformed plant cell") of a plant, such as potato, the genome of which is transformed with the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part; and
- 2) a plant (the "transformed plant") which is regenerated from the transformed plant cell or is produced from the so-regenerated plant, the genome of which contains the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part and which is resistant to Coleoptera.

Background of the Invention

B. thuringiensis ("Bt") is a gram-positive bacterium which produces endogenous crystals upon sporulation. The crystals are composed of proteins which are specifically toxic against insect larvae. Three different Bt pathotypes have been described: pathotype A that is active against Lepidoptera, e.g., caterpillars; pathotype B that is active against certain Diptera, e.g., mosquitos and black flies; and pathotype C that is active against Coleoptera, e.g., beetles (Ellar et al, 1986).

A Bt strain, whose crystals are toxic to Coleoptera, has been described as Bt tenebrionis (US patent 4,766,203; European patent publication 0,149,162), Bt M-7 or Bt San Diego (European patent publication

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0,213,818; U.S. patent 4,771,131) and BtS1 (European patent application 88/402,115.5).

The fact that conventional submerged fermentation techniques can be used to produce Bt spores on a large scale makes Bt bacteria commercially attractive as a source of insecticidal compositions.

Gene fragments from some Bt strains, encoding insecticidal proteins, have heretofore been identified and integrated into plant genomes in order to render the plants insect-resistant. However, obtaining expression of such Bt gene fragments in plants is not a straightforward problem. To achieve optimal expression of an insecticidal protein in plant cells, it has been found necessary to engineer each Bt gene fragment in a specific way so that it encodes a water-soluble part of a Bt protoxin that retains substantial toxicity against its target insects (European patent applications 86/300,291.1 and 88/402,115.5; U.S. patent application 821,582, filed January 22, 1986)

Summary of the Invention

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In accordance with this invention, the two new Bt strains of pathotype C, i.e., the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains, are provided. The BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 crystals, crystal proteins, protoxins and toxins, produced by the respective strains during sporulation, as well as insecticidally effective portions of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins, each possess insecticidal activity and can therefore be formulated into insecticidal compositions against Coleoptera in generally especially against Leptinotarsa decemlineata, Agelastica alni, Diabrotica luteola, Haltica tombacina, Anthonomus grandis, Tenebrio molitor and Triboleum castaneum and particularly against the Colorado potato beetle, Leptinotarsa decemlineata, which is a major pest of economically important crops.

Also in accordance with this invention, a plant cell genome is transformed with the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part, preferably the truncated btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene. It is preferred that this transformation be carried with the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene. The resulting transformed plant cell can be used to produce a transformed plant in which the plant cells in some or all of the plant tissues: 1) contain the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part as a stable insert in their genome and 2) express the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part by producing an insecticidally effective portion of its respective BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 protoxin, preferably its respective BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 toxin, thereby rendering the plant resistant to Coleoptera.

Yet further in accordance with this invention, a process is provided for rendering a plant resistant to Coleoptera by transforming the plant cell genome with the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part, preferably the truncated btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene. In this regard, it is preferred that the plant cell be transformed with the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene.

Still further in accordance with this invention, there are provided the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins, the insecticidally effective portions of such protoxins and the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 toxins, as well as the btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes, the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 gene parts, the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes.

Detailed Description of the Invention

In accordance with this invention, the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins can be isolated in a conventional manner from, respectively, the BtPGSI208 strain, deposited at the DSM under accession number 5131, and the BtPGSI245 strain, deposited at the DSM under accession number 5132. For example, the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 crystals can be isolated from sporulated cultures of their respective strains (Mahillon and Delcour, 1984), and then, the respective protoxins can be isolated from these crystals according to the method of Höfte et al (1986). The protoxins can be used to prepare monoclonal or polyclonal antibodies specific for these protoxins in a conventional manner (Höfte et al, 1988). The BtPGSI208 toxin can then be obtained by removing (e.g., by trypsin digestion) approximately 57 N-terminal amino acids from the BtPGSI208 protoxin. The BtPGSI245 toxin can be obtained by removing (e.g., by trypsin digestion) approximately 52 N-terminal and approximately 501 C-terminal amino acids from the BtPGSI245 protoxin.

The btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes can also be isolated from their respective strains in a conventional manner. For example, the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene can be identified in its respective BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 strain, using the procedure described in U.S. patent application 821,582 and in European patent applications 86/300,291.1 and 88/402,115.5 (which are incorporated herein by reference). Preferably, the btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes are each identified by: digesting total DNA from their

respective BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains with one or more restriction enzymes; size fractionating the DNA fragments, so produced, into DNA fractions of 5 to 10 Kb; ligating such fractions to cloning vectors; transforming E. coli with the cloning vectors; and screening the clones with a suitable DNA probe. The DNA probe can be constructed: 1) from a highly conserved region of a Bt gene which codes for another crystal protoxin against Coleoptera such as: the bt13 gene described in European patent application 88/402,115.5 and by Höfte et al (1987); or 2) on the basis of the N-terminal amino acid sequence of the protoxin encoded by the respective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene, which sequence can be determined by gas-phase sequencing of the immobilized protoxin (European Patent application 88/402,115.5).

Alternatively, the 5 to 10 kB fragments, prepared from total DNA of the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 strain, can be ligated in suitable expression vectors and transformed in E. coli, and the clones can then be screened by conventional colony immunoprobing methods (French et al. 1986) for expression of the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 toxin with monoclonal or polyclonal antibodies raised against the toxin.

The so-identifed btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes can then each be sequenced in a conventional manner (Maxam and Gilbert, 1980) to obtain the DNA sequences shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively.

A truncated part of each of the sequenced genes, encoding an insecticidally effective portion of its protoxin and preferably encoding just its toxin, can be made in a conventional manner from the gene after the gene has been sequenced. The aminoacid sequences of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins and toxins can be determined from the DNA sequences of their respective btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes and truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes

The insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part, encoding an insecticidally effective portion of its respective BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 protoxin, can be stably inserted in a conventional manner into the nuclear genome of a single plant cell, and the so-transformed plant cell be used in a conventional manner to produce a transformed plant that is insect-resistant. In this regard, a disarmed Ti-plasmid, containing the insectidicidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part, in Agrobacterium tumefaciens can be used to transform the plant cell, and thereafter, a transformed plant can be regenerated from the transformed plant cell using the procedures described, for example, in European patent publication 0,116,718, PCT publication WO 84/02,913 and European patent application 87/400,544.0 (which are also incorporated herein by reference). The resulting transformed plant can be used in a conventional plant breeding scheme to produce more transformed plants with the same characteristics or to introduce the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part in other varieties of the same or related plant species. Seeds, which are obtained from the transformed plants, contain the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part as a stable genomic insert.

The insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part, preferably the truncated btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene, is inserted in a plant cell genome so that the inserted part of the gene is downstream of, and under the control of, a promoter which can direct the expression of the gene part in the plant cell. This is preferably accomplished by inserting the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene in the plant cell genome. Preferred promoters include: the strong constitutive 35S promoters (the "35S promoters") of the cauliflower mosaic virus of isolates CM 1841 Gardner et al, 1981), CabbB-S (Franck et al, 1980) and CabbB-JI (Hull and Howell, 1987); and the TR1 promoter and the TR2 promoter (the "TR1 promoter" and "TR2' promoter", respectively) which drive the expression of the 1' and 2' genes, respectively, of the T-DNA (Velten et al. 1984). Alternatively, a promoter can be utilized which is not constitutive but rather is specific for one or more tissues or organs of the plant (e.g., leaves and/or roots) whereby the inserted btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part is expressed only in cells of the specific tissue(s) or organ(s). For example, the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part could be selectively expressed in the leaves of a plant (e.g., potato) by placing the gene part under the control of a light-inducible promoter such as the promoter of the ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase small subunit gene of the plant itself or of another plant such as pea as disclosed in U.S. patent application 821,582 and European patent application 86/300,291.1. Another alternative is to use a promoter whose expression is inducible (e.g., by temperature or chemical

The insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part is inserted in the plant genome so that the inserted part of the gene is upstream of suitable polyadenylation and transcription termination signals. This is preferably accomplished by inserting the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene in the plant cell genome. Preferred polyadenylation and transcription termination signals include those of the octopine synthase gene (Gielen et al. 1984) and the T-DNA gene 7 (Velten and Schell, 1985), which act as 3'-untranslated DNA sequences in transformed plant cells.

It is preferred that the inserted insecticidally effective <u>btPGSI208</u> or <u>btPGSI245</u> gene part be in the same transcriptional unit as, and under the control of, the same promoter as a selectable marker gene. This is preferably accomplished by inserting a btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene, containing the marker

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gene, in the plant cell genome. Any conventional marker gene can be utilized, the expression of which can be used to select transformed plant cells. An example of a suitable selectable marker gene is an antibiotic resistance gene such as the neo gene coding for kanamycin resistance (Reiss et al. 1984; European patent application 87/400,544.0; U.S. patent application 821,582; European patent application 86/300,291.1). Thereby, the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part and the marker gene (e.g., the btPGSI208-neo or btPGSI245-neo hybrid gene) are expressed in a transformed plant as a fusion protein (U.S. patent application 821,582; European patent application 86/300,291.1; Vaeck et al, 1987).

Each of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains can be fermented by conventional methods (Dulmage, 1981) to provide high yields of cells. Under appropriate conditions which are well understood (Dulmage, 1981), the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains each sporulate to provide their respective BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 crystal proteins in high yields.

An insecticide composition of this invention can be formulated in a conventional manner using the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 strain or preferably their respective crystals, crystal proteins, protoxin, toxin and/or insecticidally effective portions of their respective protoxin, as active ingredient(s), together with suitable carriers, diluents, emulsifiers and/or dispersants. This insecticide composition can be formulated as a wettable powder, pellets, granules or a dust or as a liquid formulation with aqueous or non-aqueous solvents as a foam, gel, suspension, concentrate, etc. The concentration of the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 strain, crystals, crystal proteins, protoxin, toxin and/or protoxin portions in such a composition will depend upon the nature of the formulation and its intended mode of use. Generally, an insecticide composition of this invention can be used to protect a potato field for 2 to 4 weeks against Coleoptera with each application of the composition. For more extended protection (e.g., for a whole growing season), additional amounts of the composition should be applied periodically.

The following examples illustrate the invention. The figures, referred to in the examples, are as follows:

Figure 1 - DNA sequence of the <u>btPGSI208</u> gene. The derived aminoacid sequence of the encoded BtPGSI208 protoxin is presented beneath this sequence. The arrow separates the N-terminal 57 aminoacids from the C-terminal portions encoding the BtPGSI208 toxin.

Figure 2 - DNA sequence of the <u>btPGSI245</u> gene. The derived aminoacid sequence of the encoded BtPGSI245 protoxin is presented beneath this sequence. The arrows delineate the BtPGSI245 toxin between aminoacids 54 and 638 of the BtPGSI245 protoxin.

Figure 3 - Total protein patterns by SDS-PAGE of sporulated BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 and other Bacillus cultures. Among the comparison strains, B. subt. is Bacillus subtilis, B. cer. is Bacillus cereus, and Bt Darm is Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. darmstadiensis. These comparison strains were obtained from the sources set forth in Table 1, hereinafter. "MW" designates molecular weight markers.

Figure 4A- Protein blotting of total proteins and trypsinized crystal proteins from strains BtS1 and BtPGSI208. Total protein patterns were stained with Indian ink, while crystal proteins were visualized with an antiserum against Bt13 toxin ("anti-CryIIIA"). "HMW" designates molecular weight markers.

Figure 4B- Protein blotting of total proteins and trypsinized crystal proteins from strains BtS1, BtPGSI245 and Bt HD-110. Total protein patterns were probed for their immunoreactivity with an antiserum against Bt13 toxin ("anti-CryIIIA") and an antiserum against Bt2 protoxin ("anti-CryIA(b)"). "LMW" designates molecular weight markers. The comparison strain, HD-110, was Bt HD-110, obtained from Dr. H. Dulmage, Cotton Insect Laboratories, U.S.D.A., Brownsville, Texas, U.S.A.

Unless otherwise stated in the Examples, all procedures for making and manipulating recombinant DNA are carried out by the standardized procedures described in Maniatis et al, Molecular Cloning - A laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1982).

Example 1: Characterization of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains

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The BtPGSI208 strain was isolated from grain dust sampled in Belgium and was deposited at the DSM on January 19, 1989 under accession No. 5131.

The BtPGSI245 strain was isolated from cow dung sampled in the United States and was deposited at the DSM on January 19, 1989 under accession No. 5132.

Each strain can be cultivated on conventional standard media, preferably LB medium (Bacto-tryptone 10 g/l, yeast extract 5 g/l, NaCl 10 g/l and agar 15 g/l), preferably at 28 °C. For long term storage, it is preferred to use LB liquid medium containing 50% glycerol at -70 °C or lyophilization. For sporulation, the use of T₃ medium (tryptone 3 g/l, tryptose 2 g/l, yeast extract 1.5 g/l, 5 mg MnCl₂, 0.05 M Na₂PO₄, pH 6.8 and 1.5% agar) is preferred for 24 hours at 28 °C, followed by storage at 4 °C. During its vegetative phase, each of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains can also grow under facultative anaerobic conditions, but

sporulation only occurs under aerobic conditions.

Sterilization of each strain occurs by autoclave treatment at 120°C (1 bar pressure) for 20 minutes. Such treatment totally inactivates the spores and the crystalline BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins. UV radiation (254 nm) inactivates the spores but not the protoxins.

After cultivating on Nutrient Agar ("NA", Difco Laboratories, Detroit, MI, USA) for one day, colonies of each of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains form opaque white colonies with irregular edges. Cells of each strain (Gram positive rods of 1.7-2.4 x 5.6-7.7 μm) sporulate after three days cultivation at 28°C on NA.

The crystal proteins produced during sporulation are packaged in flat rhomboid crystals in the BtPGSI208 strain and in bipyramidal crystals in the BtPGSI245 strain. Both of these crystal forms are clearly different from the flat square crystals of the BtS1 strain (from DSM under accession no. 4288) or Bt tenebrionis (from DSM under accession no. 2803).

For the biochemical characterization of the two strains, the following tests were carried out using well known methods as described for example by Sneath et al (1986). Growth was observed in Nutrient Broth ("NB", Difco) supplemented with 2 and 5% NaCl. No growth of the BtPGSI208 strain and only weak growth of the BtPGSI245 strain were observed in the presence of 7% NaCl. Neither strain grew in medium supplemented with 10% NaCl. The BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains grew well on NA at 20, 28 and 37 °C, but not at 4, 10 (although the BtPGSI245 strain grew slowly at this temperature), 50 and 60 °C. Both strains grew in NB at pH = 5, pH = 6 and pH = 7 and on NB containing 100 units of lysozyme (Sigma Chemical Company, St Louis, MO, USA) per ml of NB. Growth on NA under anaerobiosis was very weak.

Metabolic characteristics of the two strains were determined using API-20E test strips (API Systems S.A., Montalieu-Vercieu, France). The results of these assays are shown in Table 1, below.

Table 1

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Metabolic characteristics of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains as compared with other Bacillus strains													
(+ = positive reaction; - = negative reaction; w = weak reaction; nd = not determined).													
Activity	Bt PGSI 208												
ONPG	-	-	-		-	-	+						
ADH	-	+	+	+	+	+	-						
LDC	-												
ODC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
CIT	-	-	•	-	-	-	-						
H2S	-	•	. .	-	_ '	-	-						
URE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
TDA		-	· -	+	w	+	+						
IND		-	-	•	-	-	-						
VP	-	-	-	w	w	w	+						
GEL	-	+	-	+	+	+	+						
ox	+	+ + + + + +											
NO2	+	+	+	+	+	+	nd						
N2	-	-	-		-	-	nd						

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ONPG = β -galactosidase activity.

DH = arginine dihydrolase activity.

LDC = lysine decar oxylase activity.

0DC = ornithine decarboxylase activity.

CIT = use of citrate as sole carbon source.

H2S = H₂S formation from thiosulphate.

URE = urease activity.

TDA = tryptophan deaminase activity.

IND = indol formation from tryptophan.

VP = acetoin formation from sodium pyruvate.

GEL = gelatin liquefaction. OX = oxidase activity. NO2 = nitrate reduction to nitrite. $N2 = N_2$ gas production from nitrate. BTS1 = Bacillus thuringiensis BtS1 from DSM under accession no. 4288. BTEN = Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. tenebrionis from DSM under accession no. 2803. BDAR = Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. darmstadiensis from (Institut für Landwirtschaftliche Bacteriologie und Gärungsbiologie der Eidgenössiche Technische Hochschüle, Zürich, Switzerland ("LBG"), under accession 10 no. 4447 BCER = Bacillus cereus from Laboratorium voor Microbiologie, Gent, Belgium ("LMG"), under accession no. 2098. BSUB = Bacillus subtilis from Agricultural Research Culture Collection, Peoria, Illinois, USA, under accession no. NRRL B-237. 15 Both strains were found to rapidly decompose casein in skim-milk agar and to deaminate phenylalanine in tests described by Sneath et al (1986). Acid production from different sugars by the two strains was determined using API-50CHB test strips (API Systems SA). The results are shown in Table 2, below. 20 25 30 35 40 45 50

Table 2: Acid production by the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245
strains as compared with other bacilli (+ = positive reaction
; - = negative reaction ; w = weak reaction).

	Substrate :	Bt PGSI 208	Bt PGSI 245	Bts1	BTEN	BDAR	BCER	BSUB
	Control	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
	Glycerol	-	W	+	+	+	+	+
	Erythritol	-	•	-	-	-	-	-
	D-arabinose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	L-arabinose	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
	Ribose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	D-Xylose	_	-	-	-	-	-	+
	L-Xylose	-	-	_	-	_	-	-
	Adonitol	_	-	-	-	-	-	-
	B Methyl-xyloside	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
	Galactose	-	-	_	_	-	-	+
	D-Glucose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	D-Fructose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	D-Mannose	-	+	+	+	-	_	+
	L-Sorbose	_	-		_	-	-	_ `
	Rhamnose	_	_	-	_	-	-	-
	Dulcitol	-	_	_	_	_	-	-
	Inositol	-	-	-	_	_	-	+
	Mannitol	-	_	-	_		_	+
	Sorbitol	-	-	_	_		_	+
	α-Methyl-D-mannoside	-	-	-	-	_	_	_
	α-Methyl-D-glucoside	-	_	-	-	_	_	+
	N-Acetylglucosamide		+	+	+	+	+	_
	Amygdaline	_	-	_	Ĺ	_	_	+
	Arbutine	+	+	+	+	+	_	+
	Esculine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
•	Salicine	+	W	_	_	_	_	+
	Cellobiose	_	w	_	_	-	-	+
	Maltose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Lactose	1 -	_	_	_	_	_	+
	Melibiose	-	-	_	_	_	_	+
	Saccharose	+	+	+	+	_	+	+
	Trehalose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Inuline	-	_	_	_	-	_	i.

Table 2 (C ntinued)

Substrate :	1	Bt PGSI 245	BtS1	BTEN	BDAR	BCER	BSUB
Melizitose	-	_	-	-	-		-
D-Raffinose	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Starch	+	+	+ .	+ -	+	+	+
Glycogen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Xylitol	-	_	-	-	-	_	_
B Gentiobiose	-	-	-	-	-	_	-
D-Turanose	-	-	-	-	-	_	+
D-Lyxose	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
D-Tagatose	-	-	~	-	-	_	-
D-Fucose	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
L-Fucose	-	-	╼.	-	-	-	-
D-Arabitol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L-Arabitol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gluconate	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
2 Ketogluconate	-	-	-	_	-	_	_
5 Ketogluconate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sensitivity of the two strains towards different antibiotics was tested using Oxoid Susceptibility Test Discs on Oxoid Isosensitest agar ("CM471" of Oxoid Ltd., Basingstoke, Hampshire, England). The results are shown in Table 3, below.

Table 3

	Antibiotic sensitivity as shown by the diameters (in mm) of inhibition zones observed after 24 hours on antibiotic-containing agar, seeded with different bacilli													
35	(R = resistant colonie	es or no growth o	detected).					· · · · ·						
	Antibiotic	amount/disc	Bt PGSI 208	Bt PGSI 245	BtS1	BTEN	BDAR	BCER	BSUB					
	Chloramphenicol	30 ug	25/R	17	19/R	20	22	28	33					
40	Bacitracin	10 i.u	11	10	8	7	14	18	7					
ı	Gentamycin	10 ug	26	20	21	20	28	9	25/R					
	Neomycin	30 ug	24	20/R	13/R	13	26	10	20					
	Tetracyclin	30 ug	14/R	10	17/R	16/R	10/R	21	22					
	Carbenicillin	100 ug	8	11	0	0	10	0	19					
45	Rifampicin	2 ug	. 12	13	0	8	8	19	26					
- 1	Penicillin G	10 i.u	7	8	0	0	0	14/R	14					
į	Streptomycin	10 ug	25/R	15	16	17	20	14	0					
ſ	Spectinomycin	10 ug	0	0	0	0	0	12/R	0					
- 1	Kanamycin	30 ug	20/R	21/R	0	0	24	15	24					
50	Nalidixic acid	30 ug	25/R	23/R	18/R	25/R	30/R	7	19					
ĺ	Sulphamethoxazole	25 ug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Trimethoprim	2.5 ug	0	0	0	0	0	0	26					
	Ampicillin	10 u	7	9/R	0	0	0	15/R	18					

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The enzyme spectra of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains were determined using the extended API-ZYM strips (API Systems S.A.). The results are shown in Table 4, below. Esterase-, peptidase- (AP1, AP2, AP3, AP4, AP5 and AP6 test strips) and osidase-test strips were inoculated with 50 µl cell suspension

(10 7 cfu/ml). The osidase reaction was revealed after 4 hours incubation (28 $^\circ$ C) with 25 μ l 0.1N NaOH. All other reactions were with 25 μ l ZYM A and ZYM B reagent (API no. 7048).

Table 4

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•	Enzymatic spectra of the BtPGSI208 and Bti other Bt stra		trains as c	ompared t	o two
10	(0 = no substrate used; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 = 5, 10, 2 substrate hydrolysed respectively).	20, 30 and	≥ 40 nano	moles of	
	Substrate	Bt PGSI 208	Bt PGSI 245	BTS1	BDAR
	Esterases.				
15	2-naphtyl-valerate 2-naphtyl-caproate 2-naphtyl-caprylate 2-naphtyl-nonanoate	4 5 5 5	4 5 5 5	2 5 5 4	4 5 5 5
20	2-naphtyl-caprate 2-naphtyl-laurate 2-naphtyl-myristate 2-naphtyl-palmitate 2-naphtyl-stearate	5 2 1 0 2	3 2 2 0	3 1 1 1 2	5 2 1 0 2
25	Peptidases.				
30	L-pyrrolidonyl-\$-naphtylamide Glycyl-\$-naphtylamide L-glutamyl-\$-naphtylamide L-leucyl-glycyl-\$-naphtylamide L-seryl-L-tyrosyl-\$-naphtylamide L-glutamine-\$-naphtylamide L-glutamyl-\$-naphtylamide	0 0 0 0 4 1	5 0 0 1 5 5	5 0 0 5 4 3	5 0 0 5 5 3
	Osidases.]		
35	Paranitrophenol-D-galactopyranoside Paranitrophenol-βD-galactopyranoside Paranitrophenol-aD-glucopyranoside Paranitrophenol-βD-glucopyranoside	0 0 5 0	0 0 5 2	0 0 5 0	0 0 5 0
40	Paranitrophenol-a-maltoside Paranitrophenol-β-maltoside Paranitrophenol-N-acètyl-βD-glucosamidine Paranitrophenol-βD-xylapyranoside	2 0 3 0	4 0 5 0	3 0 5	5 0 5 0

Example 2: Characteristics of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 crystals

The BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains were grown for 48 to 72 hours at 28° C on T_3 medium. After sporulation, the spores and crystals were harvested in phosphate buffered saline solution ("PBS" from Oxoid Ltd.) by scraping with a Trihalski spatula. The resulting aqueous spore-crystal suspensions were centrifuged, and the pellets were resuspended and incubated overnight in aqueous solutions containing 50mM Na_2CO_3 and 5mM dithiotreitol ("DTT") at pH 10. After centrifugation, the supernatants were recovered containing the respective crystal proteins.

The BtPGSI208 protoxin and toxin, as well as the BtPGSI245 toxin, react only with a polyclonal antiserum raised against the Bt13 toxin as shown in Fig. 4. In contrast, the BtPGSI245 protoxin reacts with polyclonal antisera against the Bt13 toxin and the Bt2 protoxin (U.S. patent application 821,582; European

patent application 86/300,291.1) as shown in Fig. 4.

The total protein patterns of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains, compared to other Bacillus strains, are shown in Fig. 3. For this comparison, the crystal proteins of each strain were analyzed on a 12.5% SDS-PAGE gel (Laemmli, 1970) and stained with Coomassie brilliant blue R-250 according to Lambert et al (1987). The crystal proteins were dissolved by exposing the spore-crystal mixtures overnight at 37 °C to 50 mM Na₂CO₃, pH 10, 5 mM DTT. Solubilized crystal proteins were digested by adjusting the pH to 9.0 with 0.5 M HCl and by trypsinization (1 µg bovine trypsin/25 µg protein). Trypsin digestion of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 crystal proteins was performed at 37 °C overnight and revealed the presence of tryptic fragments of 68 kDa (Fig. 4). Immunoblotting experiments, performed according to Peferoen (1988) with polyclonal antisera raised against the Bt13 toxin and the Bt2 protoxin demonstrated, in Figs. 4A and B, that the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 protoxins and toxins are immunologically related to the Bt13 toxin. In addition, the BtPGSI245 protoxin was also shown, in Fig. 4B, to be immunologically related to the Bt2 protoxin. After blotting, the proteins were stained with Indian ink (Sutherland and Skerritt, 1986) to show both immunoreactive and non-immunoreactive proteins (Fig. 4).

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Example 3: Insecticidal activity of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 crystal proteins

As in Example 2, both strains were grown for 48 to 72 hrs at 28 °C on T₃ medium. After sporulation, the spores and crystals were harvested in PBS with a Trihalski spatula. The resulting spore-crystal suspensions were centrifuged, and the pellets were resuspended and incubated overnight in aqueous Na₂CO₃ and DTT solutions as described in Example 2. After centrifugation, the supernatants were recovered, and their contents of the respective crystal proteins of the two strains were determined.

Potato leaves were dipped in aqueous dilutions of the supernatant solutions and then air dried for two hours. Colorado potato beetle larvae of the second instar were placed on the treated leaves, and mortality of the larvae was measured after three days. These results were compared with the mortality of larvae fed leaves treated with solubilized crystals of Bt HD-1 ("Bt kurstaki Dipel" from Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, North Chicago, Ill., USA) as a control. LC₅₀, expressed as ug of solubilized crystals/ml, was calculated by Probit analysis (Finney, 1971). The results are summarized in Table 5, below.

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Table 5

Strain	LC50	FL95min	FL95max	Slope
BtPGSI208	5.0	3.5	7.3	2.4
BtPGSI245	25.1	14.7	43.3	1.5
Control	>500	-	•	-

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Example 4: Identification and cloning of the btPGSI208 gene

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The BtPGSI208 protoxin from the BtPGSI208 strain was detected by ELISA (Engvall and Pesce, 1978) with a polyclonal antiserum against the Bt13 coleoptera toxin (Höfte et al, 1987). The btPGSI208 gene was identified in the BtPGSI208 strain by preparing total DNA of the BtPGSI208 strain and then digesting the DNA with the restriction enzymes HindIII, EcoRI and Clal. The so-digested DNA was analyzed by Southern blotting, probing with a nick-translated 2.9 kb HindIII fragment from the genome of the BtS1 strain (European patent application 88/402,115.5) containing the bt13 gene. After hybridization with the probe, the blot was washed under low stringency conditions (2XSSC, 0.1%SDS at 68°C for 2x15 min), showing the presence of the btPGSI208 gene, related to the bt13 gene. The hybridization pattern with the probe also showed that the btPGSI208 gene was clearly different from the bt13 gene.

In order to isolate the btPGSI208 gene, total DNA was prepared from the BtPGSI208 strain. The total DNA preparation was partially digested with Sau3A and was size-fractionated on a sucrose gradient. Fractions containing DNA between 5 kb and 10 kb were ligated to the BgIII-digested and bovine alkaline phosphatase ("BAP")-treated cloning vector pEcor251 (Deposited at the DSM on July 13, 1988 under accession number DSM 4711). Recombinant E. coli clones containing the vector were then screened with

the 2.9 kb HindIII DNA fragment containing the bt13 gene, as a probe, to identify DNA fragments of clones containing the btPGSI208 gene. The so-identified DNA fragments were then sequenced according to Maxam and Gilbert (1980).

Based on the analysis of the DNA sequence of the btPGSI208 gene, the gene is cut with an appropriate restriction enzyme to give the truncated btPGSI208 gene, encoding the BtPGSI208 toxin of about 67 kDa.

Example 5: Identification and cloning of the btPGSI245 gene

The BtPGSI245 protoxin from the BtPGSI245 strain was detected by ELISA (Engvall and Pesce, 1978) with a polyclonal antiserum directed against the Bt13 coleoptera toxin. Colony hybridization of the BtPGSI245 strain and Southern blotting of the BtPGSI245 total DNA, that had been probed with the 2.9 kb HindIII DNA fragment containing the bt13 gene and washed under the previously described low stringency conditions, revealed no hybridizing DNA.

In order to isolate the btPGSI245 gene, total DNA from the BtPGSI245 strain was prepared and partially digested with Sau3A. The digested DNA was size fractionated on a sucrose gradient and fragments ranging from 5 kb to 10 kb were ligated to the BamHI,-digested and BAP-treated cloning vector pUC18 (Yannisch-Perron et al, 1985). Recombinant clones containing the vector were then screened by colony immunoprobing (French et al, 1986) with an antiserum against the Bt13 toxin. Positive colonies were purified, and total protein preparations were again analyzed by immunoblotting with the antiserum against the Bt13 toxin. DNA fragments, containing the BtPGSI245 gene, from clones expressing the BtPGSI245 protoxin, were then sequenced according to Maxam and Gilbert (1980).

Based on the analysis of the DNA sequence of the btPGSI245 gene, the gene is cut with an appropriate restriction enzyme to give the truncated btPGSI245 gene, encoding the BtPGSI245 toxin of about 66 kDa.

Example 6: Construction of a btPGSI208-neo hybrid gene and a btPGSI245-neo hybrid gene

Following the procedure of European patent application 88/402,115.5, the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes from Examples 4 and 5, respectively, are each fused to the neo gene to form the corresponding hybrid gene.

Example 7: Insertion of the btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes, the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI208 and btPGSI208-neo and btPGSI245-neo hybrid genes in E. coli and insertion of the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes and the btPGSI208-neo and btPGSI245-neo hybrid genes in potato plants

The btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes and the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes from Examples 4 and 5 and the btPGSI208-neo and btPGSI245-neo hybrid genes from Example 6 are each inserted into, and expressed by, different E. coli in a conventional manner, using E. coli expression vectors as described by Botterman and Zabeau (1987).

Using the procedures described in U.S. patent application 821,582 and European patent application 86/300,291.1 and 88/402,115.5, the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes and the btPGSI208-neo and btPGSI245-neo hybrid genes are inserted into intermediate plant expression vectors. To provide major expression in plants, the hybrid genes and truncated genes are placed under the control of strong constitutive promoters such as the Cabb-JI 35S promotor (Hull and Howell, 1987) or the TR2 promoter (Velten et al, 1984) and are fused to transcription termination and polyadenylation signals such as those the octopine synthase gene (Gielen et al, 1984).

Using standard procedures (Deblaere et al, 1985), the intermediate plant expression vectors, containing the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes and the btPGSI208-neo and btPGSI245-neo hybrid genes are transferred into the Agrobacterium strain C 58 C1 Rif^R (US patent application 821,582; European pater application 86/300,291.1) carrying the disarmed Ti-plasmid pGV2260 (Vaeck et al, 1987). Selection for spectinomycin resistance yields cointegrated plasmids, consisting of pGV2260 and the respective into mediate plant expression vectors. Each of these recombinant Agrobacterium strains is then used transform different potato plant cells so that the truncated btPGSI208 gene, the truncated btPGSI245 genes the btPGSI208-neo hybrid gene and the btPGSI245-neo hybrid gene are contained in, and expressed to different cells.

Example 8: Expression of the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes and the btPGSI208-neo and btPGSI245-neo hybrid genes in potato plants

The insecticidal activity against Coleoptera of the expression products of the truncated btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes and the btPGSI208-neo and btPGSI245-neo hybrid genes in leaves of transformed potato plants, generated from the transformed potato plant cells of Example 7, is evaluated by recording the growth rate and mortality of Leptinotarsa decemlineata larvae fed on these leaves. These results are compared with the growth rate of larvae fed leaves from untransformed potato plants. Toxicity assays are performed as described in European Patent application 88/402,115.5, U.S. patent application 821,582 and European patent application 86/300,291.1. A significantly higher mortality rate is obtained among larvae fed on leaves of transformed potato plants containing the truncated btPGSI208 gene, the truncated btPGSI245 gene, the btPGSI208-neo hybrid gene or the btPGSI245-neo hybrid gene than among larvae fed the leaves of untransformed plants.

Needless to say, this invention is not limited to the BtPGSI208 (DSM 5131) strain and the BtPGSI245 (DSM 5132) strain. Rather, the invention also includes any mutant or variant of the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 strain which produces crystals, crystal proteins, protoxin or toxin having substantially the same properties as the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 crystals, crystal proteins, protoxin or toxin. In this regard, variants of the BtPGSI208 and BtPGSI245 strains include variants whose total protein pattern is substantially the same as the protein pattern of either the BtPGSI208 strain or the BtPGSI245 strain as shown in Fig. 3.

This invention also is not limited to potato plants transformed with the truncated <u>btPGSl208</u> or <u>btPGSl245</u> gene. It also includes any plant, such as tomato, tobacco, rapeseed, alfalfa, sunflowers, cotton, corn, soybeans, potato, brassicas, sugar beets and other vegetables, transformed with an insecticidally effective part of the btPGSl208 or btPGSl245 gene.

Nor is this invention limited to the use of Agrobacterium tumefaciens Ti-plasmids for transforming plant cells with an insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part. Other known techniques for plant cell transformations, such as by means of liposomes, by electroporation or by vector systems based on plant viruses or pollen, can be used for transforming monocotyledons and dicotyledons with such a gene part.

Furthermore, DNA sequences other than those of an insecticidally effective <u>btPGSI208</u> or <u>btPGSI245</u> gene part can be used for transforming plants. In this regard, the DNA sequence of either gene part can be modified by: 1) replacing some codons with others that code either for the same amino acids or for other amino acids; and/or 2) deleting or adding some codons; provided that such modifications do not substantially alter the properties of the encoded, insecticidally effective portion of the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 protoxin.

Also, other DNA recombinants containing the aforementioned DNA sequences in association with other foreign DNA, particularly the DNA of vectors suitable for transforming plants and microorganisms other than E. coli, are encompassed by this invention. In this regard, this invention is not limited to the specific plasmids containing the btPGSI208 and btPGSI245 genes, or parts thereof, that were heretofore described, but rather, this invention encompasses any DNA recombinants containing a DNA sequence that is their equivalent. Further, the invention relates to all DNA recombinants that include all or part of either the btPGSI208 gene or the btPGSI245 gene and that are suitable for transforming microorganisms (e.g., plant associated bacteria such as Bacillus subtilis, Pseudomonas, and Xanthomonas or yeasts such as Streptomyces cerevisiae) under conditions which enable all or part of the gene to be expressed and to be recoverable from said microorganisms or to be transferred to a plant cell.

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35 Claims

- 1. The BtPGSI208 strain or the BtPGSI245 strain.
- 2. The BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 crystals, crystal proteins, protoxin or toxin.
- 3. The btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene, the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part, the truncated btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene, the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene or a hybrid thereof with a selectable marker gene, such as the neo gene.
 - 4. An insecticidal composition, particularly against Coleoptera, which comprises an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of: the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 strain, crystals, crystal proteins, protoxin and toxin and insecticidally effective portions of the BtPGSI208 or BtPGSI245 protoxin.
- 5. A transformed microorganism, particularly E. coli, characterized by the gene, the gene part, the truncated gene, the chimaeric gene or the hybrid of claim 3.
- 6. A transformed plant cell, characterized by the insecticidally effective btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene part, the truncated btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 gene, the btPGSI208 or btPGSI245 chimaeric gene, or a hybrid thereof with a selectable marker gene, such as the neo gene.
 - 7. A plant or a seed thereof containing the plant cell of claim 6.
- 8. A plant genome containing, integrated therein, the gene part, the truncated gene or the chimaeric gene of claim 6.
 - 9. A plant tissue, the cells of which have the plant genome of claim 8.
- 10. A process for rendering a plant resistant to Coleoptera characterized by: providing the plant with the transformed cell of claim 6.
 - 11. In a process for producing plants and reproduction material, such as seeds, of said plants including a heterologous genetic material stably integrated in the genom thereof and capable of being expressed therein in the form of a protein toxic to insects, comprising the non-biological steps of: a) producing

transformed plants cells or plant tissue including said heterologous genetic material from starting plant cells or plant tissue not expressing said protein, b) producing regenerated plants or reproduction material of said plants or both from said transformed plant cells or plant tissue including said heterologous genetic material, and c) optionally, biologically replicating said regenerated plants or reproduction material or both; wherein said step of producing said transformed plant cells or plant tissue including said heterologous genetic material is characterized by transforming said starting plant cells or plant tissue with the gene part, the truncated gene or the hybrid of claim 6 as well as regulatory elements which are capable of enabling the expression of the gene part, the truncated gene or the hybrid in said plant cells or plant tissue, to cause the stable integration of the gene part, the truncated gene or the hybrid in transformed plant cells or plant tissue, as well as in said plants and reproduction material produced therefrom throughout generations.

12. A process for controlling an insect pest, especially, Coleoptera, particularly Leptinotarsa decemlineata, Agelastica alni, Diabrotica luteola, Haltica tombacina Anthonomus grandis, Tenebrio molitor and Triboleum castaneum, characterized by contacting the pest with the insecticidal composition of claim 4.

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261	270	279	288	297	306
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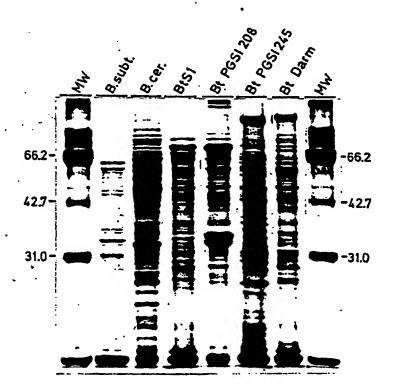


Figure 3

Protein blotting of BtS1 and PGSI208 proteins and trypsinized crystal proteins

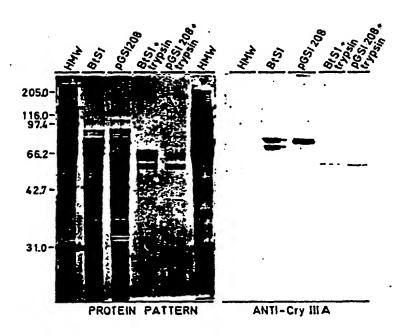
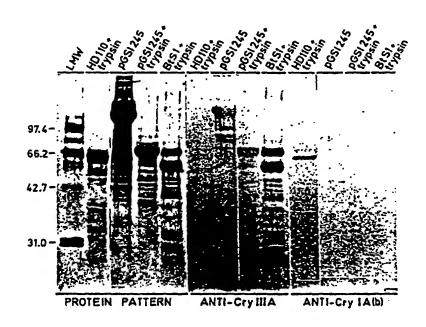


Figure 4a

Protein blotting of HD110, PGSI245 and BtS1 solubilized and trypsinized crystal proteins



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